



TOWNSHIP OF WALL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA  
MARCH 22, 2023

7:00 P.M.  
MAIN MEETING ROOM

<b>Committeeman Becht</b>	Present	<b>Administrator Bertrand</b>	Present
<b>Committeeman Clayton</b>	Present	<b>Attorney Kean</b>	Present
<b>Committeeman Orender</b>	Present	<b>Township Clerk Lang</b>	Present
<b>Deputy Mayor Mangan</b>	Present		
<b>Mayor Farrell</b>	Present		

Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

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**Roll Call**

Review of the Public Business Meeting Agenda

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**Roll Call**

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**Re: CAP Bank 2023**

Motion that **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2023** be adopted as to its first reading and advertised for second reading and public hearing on **April 26, 2023**, at 7:00 pm. pursuant to law.

**Motion - Second - Roll-Call Vote**

INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 191, SECTION 9 "TOWNSHIP RECYCLING FACILITIES" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**Re:** Elimination of acceptance of grass clippings at recycling centers

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INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206, TOWING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 5, "FEES", OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**Re:** Towing

Motion that **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023** be adopted as to its first reading and advertised for second reading and public hearing on **April 26, 2023**, at 7:00 pm. pursuant to law.

**Motion - Second - Roll-Call Vote**

2023 Budget Presentation

INTRODUCTION OF **BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 23-0308** – INTRODUCING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion that **BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 23-0308** be adopted as to its first reading and advertised for second reading and public hearing on **April 26, 2023**, at 7:00 pm. Pursuant to law.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

- 2/22/2023

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**Resolution No. 23-0318** - Authorization to approve certain personnel matter(s):

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**Resolution No. 23-0319** - Authorization to approve certain Township refund(s):  
EMS

**Resolution No. 23-0320** - Authorization for Wall Fire Department No. 1 to conduct charitable solicitations in roadways commonly known as a Coin Toss

**Resolution No. 23-0321** - Authorization to execute the first amendment to the December 18, 2019, settlement agreement between the Township of Wall and Fair Share Housing Center

**End of Consent Agenda**

Motion - Second - Roll Call Vote

**Resolution No. 23-0307**- Authorization to discuss matters in private session

- o Anticipated Litigation

Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote

**Roll Call Vote: Resolution No. 23-0307 – Private Session**

Committeeman Becht	Motion - Yea
Committeeman Clayton	Second - Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Deputy Mayor Mangan	Yea
Mayor Farrell	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
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**Roll Call: Introduction of Ordinance No. 2-2023**

Committeeman Becht	Second - Yea		
Committeeman Clayton	Motion - Yea		
Committeeman Orender	Yea		
Deputy Mayor Mangan	Yea		
Mayor Farrell	Yea		
<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Committeeman Clayton				Yea
Committeeman Orender				Motion - Yea
Deputy Mayor Mangan				Second - Yea
Mayor Farrell				Yea
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Committeeman Orender				Second - Yea
Deputy Mayor Mangan				Motion - Yea
Mayor Farrell				Yea
<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
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**2023 Budget Presentation**

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- He noted that the Committee faced challenges in reaching a prudent budget this year due to supply chain issues as a result of the pandemic. He noted that it has increased many of the costs of the Township.
- He noted that the Township remains below all the property tax and appropriation caps and is in full compliance.
- He explained how the municipal budget is developed. He further explained some of the comparisons in his presentation, attached hereto as Exhibit A. He discussed the difference between discretionary and

nondiscretionary items; noting that 50% of the budget is nondiscretionary.

- He discussed the municipal tax rate of 2018 and 2022, as the 2023 tax rate has yet to be adopted. He noted that in 2022 the municipal tax rate was .474 meaning that 24.28% of the resident's tax bill went towards the operational cost of the municipality. He explained that the Township is held responsible for the remaining 75% of the taxes regardless of resident's payment to the Township.
- He noted that the proposed tax increase for 2023 is .012. Overall budget increase from 2022 to 2023 is 4.56%.
- He noted that a portion of the increase is going to create a 24/7, paid EMT response.
- He thanked Chief Financial Officer O'Hara, the Governing Body and Police Department for their diligence and cooperation.

**Mayor Farrell:**

- Mayor Farrell explained that the transition of the 24/7 EMT plan has been ongoing for many years. He thanked the Police Department for their hard work to reach that goal.

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Committeeman Orender	Yea
Deputy Mayor Mangan	Yea
Mayor Farrell	Yea
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### **End of Consent Agenda**

Motion - Second - Roll Call Vote

### **Roll Call Vote: Consent Agenda**

Committeeman Becht	Yea
Committeeman Clayton	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Second - Yea
Deputy Mayor Mangan	Motion - Yea
Mayor Farrell	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
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**Public Comment:** Opportunity for anyone to comment with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with NJSA 10: 4-12(a), the Committee asks the public to limit their comments to five minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public's time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that the public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to, an appointment can be made with the Township Administrator's office during regular business hours. The attorney will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting.

### **Gary Faraci – Gully Road:**

- Mr. Faraci dispersed 6 copies of a traffic report to the Committee and Township Clerk.
- He thanked Committeeman Clayton for his assistance in conducting a traffic study on Gully Road.
- Mr. Faraci reported that traffic volume was down from 2022 to 2023. He further noted that truck and large truck traffic increased from 2022 to 2023. He reported that the speed on Gully Road increased in

a year as well.

- He asked that the Committee address the issue on Gully Road based on the data supplied.

**Elizabeth Cross – New Bedford Road:**

- Ms. Cross opined that the Township needs to work toward a more prudent budget. She suggested the Township sharpen their pencil and look toward reevaluating health benefits. She asked that Administrator Bertrand show what the Township actually spent in 2022 and show the budget numbers next to them. She opined that Township employees should not receive raises.
- She reported on a meeting with various people from the Board of Education.
- She spoke about an OPRA request that was submitted to the Township anonymously.
- Ms. Cross discussed a letter she received from Mr. Shelton enclosed with text messages from a Board of Education member. She went over the content of the messages and highlighted their inappropriate and concerning nature.
- She asked that a real investigation be conducted on the Central School Trailers. She noted the potential of insurance fraud.

**Close Public Comment**

Motion – Second - Roll Call Vote

**Roll Call Vote: Close Public Comment**

Committeeman Becht		Motion - Yea	
Committeeman Clayton		Yea	
Committeeman Orender		Second - Yea	
Deputy Mayor Mangan		Yea	
Mayor Farrell		Yea	
<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**Closing Comments from the Township Committee and Business Administrator**

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- He noted that he and the Committee will review the traffic study on Gully Road.
- He explained that the Township does not have \$7 million in surplus. He opined that showing what you spent would never allow for the Township to increase any of their services. He noted that the Township's goal is to have stable taxation and operations. He maintained that the Township is prudent in their spending.

**Mayor Farrell:**

- He told Mr. Faraci that he would meet with the Police.

**Committeeman Clayton:**

- Committeeman Clayton explained that the Township Committee and the Board of Education are autonomous body. He noted that the Committee oversees the functions of the Township; public safety, public works, etc... He explained that the Board of Education oversees the finances, policy and curriculum and the superintendent of schools. He explained the instances in which the Committee and the Board of Education work together, independently.
- Committeeman Clayton explained that he and the Governing Body are preliminarily researching a statute that establishes truck routes.

**Attorney Kean:**

- Attorney Kean noted that the Chief of Police requested the regulation of motorized bicycles. He said that he would draft an ordinance and circulate them to the Committee. He explained the increase in the use of motorized bikes that do not exceed 20mph and the safety hazards associated.

**Committeeman Becht:**

- He noted thanked Administrator Bertrand and Chief Financial Officer O'Hara for the budget.
- He reported on two bicycle accidents recently. He asked that the public be aware and share the road.

**Committeeman Orender:**

- Committeeman Orender had no additional comments.

**Committeeman Becht:**

- He noted that it is inappropriate to connect a student from another school and a tragedy they suffered to anything going on in Wall Schools.

**Deputy Mayor Mangan:**

- She announced the following recreation events:
  - Easter Egg Hunt – April 1, 2023
  - Touch A Truck – April 29, 2023
  - Superhero Run - May 7, 2023
  - Day Camp is filling up quickly.
  - Wall Township Fair is accepting vendors.
- She thanked Administrator Bertrand and Chief Financial Officer O'Hara

**Mayor Farrell:**

- He echoed the sentiments of his colleagues.
- He noted that the third round of affordable housing is winding down.
  - Administrator Bertrand noted that the Compliance Hearing is set for June 6-8, 2023.
- He thanked Attorney Kean and Chief O'Halloran for the legislative recommendation.

**Resolution No. 23-0322 - Authorization to discuss matters in private session:**

- Anticipated Litigation
- Personnel

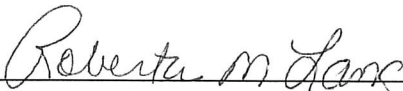
**Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote**

**Roll Call Vote: Resolution No. 23-0322 – Private Session**

Committeeman Becht	Motion - Yea		
Committeeman Clayton	Yea		
Committeeman Orender	Second - Yea		
Deputy Mayor Mangan	Yea		
Mayor Farrell	Yea		
<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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Motion to Adjourn by **Committeeman Becht** and seconded by **Committeeman Orender**.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Roberta M. Lang, RMC  
Township Clerk